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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/802,805 filed March 18, 2004
Entitled "Isolated Human Lipase Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules Encoding
Human Lipase Proteins, and Uses Thereof"
Atty. Docket No.: CL001186 DIVII

Please find attached a response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2006 for the
above-identified application.

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In re Application of: Merkulov et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on March 24, 2006 from Examiner Young in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, drawn to an antibody.

Applicants have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected Groups I, III-XI.

Please amend the application as follows: